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Memorandum

To: Co-Chairs Clyde Burmaster & Barry Weinstein, MD

From: Transportation Subcommittee Chair Hal Morse

Re: September 2004 meeting

Date: October 1, 2004

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Transportation Subcommittee met September 10, 2004 at the UB Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth. Present for the meeting were subcommittee members Morse, Clark, Ferraro, Lehman, and Ruzala. Meetings have been focused on two primary initiatives identified by ENRP in earlier general meetings.

Job Access & Public Transportation:

The project is in its final stages and is being readied for final presentation to the subcommittee in October and to the full group at the December general meeting. Several service changes have already resulted from this project, which is intended to provide a strategy and mechanism for early coordination between employers, employees, and transit services in key development corridors.

Niagara Falls International Airport:

To prepare for the "two-way" presentation on the Niagara Falls International Airport approved for the October general meeting, the subcommittee worked to decide what initiatives should be detailed, and by whom. It was decided to include the Framework for Regional Growth (Ferraro), job access and public transportation (Morse), the Regional Economic Development Strategy (Allen), Buffalo-Niagara Cultural Tourism Initiative (Sheffer), bi-national planning (Morse), and power relicensing (Ferraro).

Likewise, we asked specifically for the NFTA to include in their presentation an update on the new terminal plans, solicitation of funds, the marketability of the new terminal for cargo, tourism, charters, etc., and development around the airport.

It was reinforced that ENRP can play an important role in the development of the airport by acting as a conduit between the NFIA's efforts and the aforementioned regional plans.

Tourist Transportation

The subcommittee received an update on tourist transportation efforts (please see the Tourism & Culture Subcommittee report for more details). The subcommittee voiced its concern about the lack of willingness of some of the stakeholders to come to the table on our efforts.

Other Topics:

Other topics discussed include the Ambassador Bridge proposal, Route 531 planning, and the recently closed Rochester-Toronto ferry.